

## **POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023.**

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon, on Tuesday, December 19, 2023. Commissioners Bill Collins, Greg Newman, and Bryan Schorr were in attendance. Auditor Maegen Greenwell and County Attorney Joe Harrison were also in attendance.

Deacon Mark McDonald led the Commissioners in prayer.

### **MINUTES**

B. Schorr made a motion to approve the minutes from December 5, 2023; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

G. Newman made a motion to approve the executive session minutes from December 5, 2023; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

G. Newman made a motion to approve the executive session minutes from December 6, 2023; B. Collins seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### **CLAIMS**

G. Newman made a motion to approve the claims as presented; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

B. Schorr made a motion to approve the November Treasurer's report; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### **NATION ROAD NUISANCE COMPLAINT**

Posey County Building Commissioner Ed Batteiger updated the Commissioners on this nuisance complaint. Mr. Batteiger stated that the owner has built a fence, and the front yard is cleaned. Mr. Batteiger stated that his recommendation is to close this complaint. G. Newman made a motion to close this complaint; B. Schorr seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### **OLIVER ROAD NUISANCE COMPLAINT**

Posey County Building Commissioner Ed Batteiger updated the Commissioners on this nuisance complaint. Mr. Batteiger stated that the property has not yet been transferred to new owners but is in the process. B. Schorr made a motion to table this complaint for thirty days; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### **HARRY A. LOGAN POSEY COUNTY EMERGENCY RESPONDER OF THE YEAR**

Carrie Thompson with Posey County EMA presented the 2023 Responder of the Year award to Jamie Bradford.

### **COLISEUM REMODEL UPDATE**

Commissioner President Bill Collins presented the following two quotes for moving offices due to the Probation remodel project:

Furniture Fetchers \$6,114.18

Nuspace \$6,000-\$6,400.

B. Collins made a motion to accept the quote from Furniture Fetchers; G. Newman seconded.

The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### **MORLEY/BROADBAND UPDATE**

Cody Simpson with Morley spoke with the Commissioners regarding several updates with the Mainstream broadband project. Mr. Simpson stated sections five, six, seven, nine, and ten are in progress. Mr. Simpson stated two segments have been turned over to Morley for punch list review.

Zack Stevens with Mainstream addressed the Commissioners regarding the ongoing broadband project. Mr. Stevens requested that the Commissioners release half of the final payment and change order request payment for segments nine and ten, with the remaining funding being held by the County until project completion.

B. Schorr made a motion to release the funds for the change order and half of the remaining funds for the contract amount; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### **DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

Tom Latham, Posey County Sheriff, gave the following inmate housing update:

102 Posey County inmates

17 IDOC

31 Vanderburgh County inmates

150 Total inmates

Income: \$37,650.00 for November from Vanderburgh County.

Sheriff Latham stated that the X-ray machine and Magnetometer for the Superior Court had been ordered and should arrive soon.

Highway Superintendent Steve Schenk stated that the Wildeman Road Bridge has been completed and is open.

Posey County EMS Director Paul Micheletti gave the following report:

217 requests

155 transports

\$114,143.00 taken in.

Mr. Micheletti stated that he is still down one medic.

Mr. Micheletti stated that Medic 3 is having the rear end replaced, and he has put the backup ambulance in service while this is done.

Matt Schriefer, with EREP, addressed the Commissioners with a few updates for 2023. In 2023, EREP responded to ten requests for information from the IEDC for Posey County sites. The Harbortown Wastewater Extension Project will begin negotiations with the selected firm in the near future. EREP continues working with the consulting firm MKSK on the I69 corridor plan. EREP has been working on the Ready 2.0 grant application with overall regional visual goals and strategies. In 2024, a comprehensive economic development strategy will begin. This is a four County regional project for an overall economic development strategy to look at industrial sites, any ways to improve economic development across the region, and it will help all four Counties with being competitive for economic development administration funding.

Kristin Lowry, with Purdue Extension, introduced the new ANR Educator Amy Rhoades. Mrs. Lowry requested the Commissioners to deep clean the offices Purdue is moving into in January.

Donnie Martin with the Posey County Health Department updated the Commissioners on the Ponderosa Mobile Home Park issues.

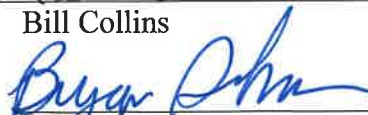
Greg Newman updated the Commissioners on the new communication tower. G. Newman stated that at this time, they are only waiting on Buckeye Pipeline to approve to go over their existing pipeline.

Rodney Ritzert, a farm owner on Caborn and Nation Road, addressed the Commissioners regarding concerns surrounding the installation of poles by Mainstream's contractors. Mr. Ritzert is requesting the poles not be placed and underground be used in this area instead.

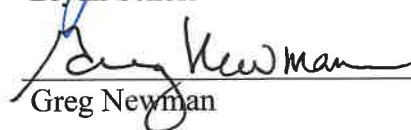
Paul Kramer, a Posey County resident, addressed the Commissioners about the lack of high-speed internet in his area between St. Philips Rd and County Line Road. Mr. Kramer stated that he has been told by AT&T and other companies that he is in a "dead zone" due to being in Posey County but having an Evansville address.




Bill Collins



Bryan Schorr



Greg Newman

  
Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell

